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BRITT SAYS HART WILL FACE O'BRIEN NEXT

Fight Important Because Jeffries
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And It Won't Require a Derrick
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By Jimmy Britt.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, January 13.—When a fellow jumps into the ring stripped for a fight, all he has to do is to contribute a few handshakes and look pleasant in his corner while the seconds are getting him ready, and then he can bang right into battle. It's one of the advantages of the fighter's profession that he doesn't have to make any certain speeches before or after the struggle.

Now, with this writing game it's different. When one makes a business of fighting and is successful in the business, you have a right to take it for granted that he knows it. His record speaks. The public is likely to take his word as an authority on anything that pertains to the side-step and the wallop, and if a fighter picks one of two men to win a battle they promptly "put a ring around him," as the horsemen say.

That's why I want to announce that in making "selections" in this column whenever a big fight for a big stake of honor and money comes off, I intend to be very careful.

Whenever I think it is too nearly an even proposition for a decided opinion one way or the other, I will play safe and say so.

Of course, a fighter of any prominence (if I can say that for myself) is often quoted on battles, but when it comes to writing your opinion out in detail under your own signature, and showing your why you think so, it's a different proposition.

And this brings me up to Jack O'Brien and the eager crowd of heavyweights, "lightweights" and middleweights who are camping on his trail.

If O'Brien undertook to satisfy all the fighters who are looking for glory at his expense, he would have more battles than an Orangeman at a K. P. wake.

Man and a few others have modestly advanced their claims. In my opinion Hart will be chosen.

Of course, O'Brien may feel that he has the right to fight a few minor battles be-

DEMAREST NEVER Handled a Cue UNTIL RECENTLY NOW PROMISES To Hustle Hoppe for CHAMPIONSHIP

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CHICAGO, January 13.—Since the death of Frank Ives there has never been an American billiard player who could take equal rank with "Wizard" Jake Schaefer when it came to real championship billiards. The rapid development of Willie Hoppe indicates that he will succeed to the crown still worn by Schaefer, but aside from Hoppe there has been too much of championship calibre developed in the last decade.

A rival to Hoppe has now appeared in this city. In Calvin Demarest, a youthful expert, experienced cue welders believe they are bringing to the front a boy who will soon be able to class with Schaefer and Hoppe. He is a youngster, not yet out of his teens, but he has defeated the best amateurs of Chicago and is still improving.

Demarest was unaware of his ability until he went through a course of instruction. Less than two years ago he could not handle a cue. He first attracted attention by his awkwardness at the table. He began to haunt a Chicago billiard room, and was taken in hand by Lawson W. Perkins, a billiard instructor. "He gave the most awful exhibition I ever saw," said Perkins, in telling of the incident. "He had not the slightest idea of how to hold a cue, but he was so earnest I gave him lessons at his own terms. He soon began to improve at a great rate."

"Then Mussey arranged a straight-rail tournament for nine of my best pupils, and Demarest went into it. He won all of the prizes."

His average was six and his grand average 4-1-2. He made a high run of 44. He never lost a game. That was seven months ago. Then for a time I had to stop him from playing, for he was learning the game too rapidly, and was developing some bad points. One of these was too much driving, he still shows traces of.

The most remarkable thing about this boy is the fact that from that tournament he immediately jumped into the class A, with the champion of America, Conklin, as an opponent. The straight rail tournament was decided about seven months ago and two months ago he had two matches with Conklin as a tryout and lost both of them. Conklin played him 1,300 to 1,000, and the boy averaged around 8. Then he got into the headup that was decided a short time ago, and was scratched at 300 points with Conklin. In this tournament he did not lose a game, beating Conklin in a best of nine match. This shows an average of close to 48. The young expert closed the game with an average of a trifle short of twenty. This indicates the speed he is capable of.

Demarest will be considered as a candidate in class A for the championship of America at the Chicago Athletic Association in March.



Marvin Hart, the champion, is expected to fight O'Brien next.

fore going after the heavy metal, but the fight with Hart will be the next real big show.

Hart is O'Brien's natural opponent now that Fitzsimmons is out of the way. Fitz will not have to be figured in again in championship affairs. The Old Man is done. That clears up the situation immensely, and it is easier to get down to cases in heavyweight society.

When Marvin Hart and Jack Root fought in Reno the show was billed as a heavyweight battle with the champion in the ring to turn over the title to the winner; but many in the fight world East and West did not take the affair seriously. They don't now. They say that Jeff was champion and retired, but that he can't play Santa Claus with the championship.

On the other hand, many fighters and experts are of the opinion that with Jeff's sanction Hart has as good a claim or better than any other heavyweight to the cast-off honors of the "big fellow."

O'Brien also figures himself a heavyweight champion, tracing his descent, so to speak, through Fitzsimmons, who was champion before Jeffries. That is the way it stands. Now, the only logical plan is a fight between Hart and O'Brien to decide the question, and the winner would unquestionably be accepted as the champion, with the shadow of Jeff across him.

And when that is accomplished, the shadow will grow. Jeffries has not retired from the ring for good. He retired because there was nothing else for him to do.



WORLD'S YOUNGEST ATHLETE.

Although only four years old, Master Francis Slevin, Jr., of New York city, has already won a silver trophy for sprinting. A silver loving cup and the title of the champion baby sprinter in the world was conferred on him at Asbury Park, N. J., Baby Carnival on August 31, 1905.

His representation was a sprinter getting off his mark in the stooped position for a race. He wore the colors of the New York Athletic Club.

do. He had abolished his job. He put the heavyweight class out of commission. There was nothing in it for him to go fooling around with second raters, men that he knew he could beat, and every one else knew he could beat.

Jeffries is simply lying back and waiting for the call. He will not pick out his opponent, and he won't jump at the first offer that is dangled at him, either. The public will have to make the match. As soon as a young fighter comes up to the top by strong fighting and crowding out every one else in sight, and the public gets to thinking that he will have a chance with Jeff, they won't need a derrick to get the big scrapper out of retirement.

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Photograph Showing Herrera's Great Body and Arm Muscles



AURELLA HERRERA, THE WONDERFUL MEXICAN FIGHTER, WHO DEFEATED YOUNG CORBETT. Herrera met young Corbett in a twenty-five round contest before the Pacific Athletic Club, of Los Angeles, on Friday night. The men did not go the limit, however, for Corbett was put out in the fifth round by Herrera's vicious right.

ARTHUR DUFFY BREAKS OUT AGAIN

His Latest Is to Invoke the Courts to Compel Jim Sullivan to Include His Name Among a Lot of Decent Athletes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, January 13.—Arthur

Duffy's press agent is almost as good as the gent who whooped up the poultry show. The latter individual got all the papers to fall for that mossy old yarn about the chicken fight breaking into the works. He's a genius.

But Duffy goes him even one better when he gets some more advertising for his obscene muscle magazine with his latest break about suing James E. Sullivan, of the Amateur Athletic Union.

That is, he will endeavor (so the press agent says) through the courts to have all his records restored to the official record annual of which Mr. Sullivan is editor. Duffy has engaged Lawyer C. P. Rogers to be the goat in the courts.

When seen last night Mr. Rogers said that the demands made are based upon the fact that the Amateur Athletic Union has ignored its own rules and regulations, in that it has not adopted in Duffy's case the usual method of procedure, which is to allow any athlete charged with professionalism to appear before the committee and be heard in his own behalf before any action is taken. "In Duffy's case," said the lawyer, "they passed a resolution declaring him a professional without giving him a hearing."

When asked if it was not a fact that Duffy had publicly announced that he was a professional, Mr. Rogers said that he had never admitted that he was other than an amateur athlete. Under Mr. Sullivan and the Amateur Athletic Union agrees to restore Duffy's records, Mr. Rogers says that he will bring an action in the Special Term of the Supreme Court to compel them to do so.

Mr. Sullivan was not much disturbed

about the demands of Duffy. He said: "Let them sue if they want to. We establish and create the records, and we have the right to do what we have done. Duffy is looking for more advertising, that's all."

And, what is more, Lawyer Rogers has no case. The Amateur Athletic Union compiles records of amateur athletes only. Duffy has confessed that while he made all his records he was a professional. Where does he come in to get in an amateur book?

COLORED RIDERS GIVEN "THE LEG"

LOS ANGELES, CAL., January 13.—Aspen Park is the only one race track in the United States where there is no patrol judge, and in consequence there is any amount of crowding on the upper turn that would be avoided if some one were there to report rough riding. Every day horses are crowded out of position turning for home, and by the time they recover their stride the races are over.

Manager Brooks thinks a patrol judge is entirely unnecessary. It is related of Brooks that at one time he had occasion to ask a patrol judge about something that happened at the head of the stretch, and on that occasion the quarter-pole official couldn't tell him about the interference. Since that time Aspen's manager has been under the impression that racing can do without a patrol judge.

Probably colored riders suffer more from interference rounding the last turn than the other boys. It seems that the

Latest Photograph of Gentleman Jack O'Brien, with All His War Paint on, as He Appeared When Refused Lodging at Several New York Hotels.



Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, conqueror of valiant Fitzsimmons and champion heavy weight of the world, has just received a knock-out blow in New York, having been turned down at a number of fashionable hotels simply because he was a prize fighter. O'Brien feels the knock keenly, as he is a very Chesterfield in manner, living in one of the most fashionable sections of Philadelphia, owning considerable real estate in that city and being highly respected. Indeed Jack is an entirely new type of prize fighter, one about as radically different from old type of bar-room swagger as could well be imagined. His whole life has been effort to show that professional pugilism can be made respectable.

LONG DELIBERATELY PUNCHED BELOW BELT

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Jan. 13.—The Bulletin says:

"Louis Long is accused of being party to another fake. The Madero sports are up in arms over his exhibition there recently, when he met a Mexican by the name of Carranza, of Los Hornos. In the third round Long was disqualified for fouling the Mexican, which looked like a deliberate act. About 700 disgusted sports left the arena when the affair was over, and it was reported that this would be the last fight in Madero county for some time. Fresno sports thought well enough of the match to hire a special train to travel to Madero on. You can fancy their indignation when they beheld Carranza, who was a professional, deliberately punching the Mexican below the belt. It is just such fighters as Long that kill good sport-loving places like Madero. If fighters would not sail out for a few paltry dollars, there might be dozens of places, now closed to them, enjoying the sports."

OLD FOOT-BALL METHODS GOOD ENOUGH FOR THEM

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SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., January 13.—London Scott, captain-elect of the Stanford football team, said this week: "I do not look for any radical action on the part of Berkeley and Stanford looking towards a change in foot-ball methods, unless the National Committee fails to make the changes that are demanded. Then there might be a break. The Californian committee will have the opinion of Walter Camp and his associates before going ahead. In the first place, there will be no conference or session of the com, and no man can tell what the future will bring forth."

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NEW YORK, January 13.—The decision in the question of a site for the West Point-Annapolis foot-ball game for next fall will be reached by representatives of the army and navy shortly. At present the question remains open between Philadelphia and New York, with absolutely no means of determining between them.